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SUBJECT: GRAPEFRUIT/CARIBFLY

DEPT. PASS AGRIC FOR HUME & FITZSIMMONDS/FAS AND  
RAINWATER/APHIS

1. CONGRATULATIONS\* IN MEETING WITH DIR. GEN. MATSUMOTO,  
MAF, 1630 HRS FEB. 5, TOKYO TIME RECEIVED FOLLOWING OFFICIAL  
REPLY TO OUR DECEMBER 26, 1974 PROPOSAL. REPLY GIVES MAF'S  
OKAY FOR APHIS TO BEGIN ISSUING PHYTOSANITARY CERTIFICATES FOR  
SHIPMENTS OF FUMIGATED FLORIDA GRAPEFRUIT TO JAPAN EFFECTIVE  
FEBRUARY 10, 1975. (NOT FOR PUBLIC RELEASE UNTIL 11 A.M. FEB.  
6 TOKYO TIME)

2. FULL TRANSLATION OF OFFICIAL REPLY FOLLOWS:  
SINCE DISCOVERY OF THE CARIBBEAN FRUIT FLY LARVAE IN  
SHIPMENTS OF FLORIDA GRAPEFRUIT ARRIVING IN JAPAN DURING  
MAY TO JULY 1974, BOTH SCIENTISTS AND ADMINISTRATIVE  
PERSONNEL OF YOUR COUNTRY HAVE MADE TREMENDOUS EFFORT  
TOWARD A SOLUTION OF THE PROBLEM IN RESPONSE TO THE REQUEST  
OF OUR COUNTRY. WE WISH TO PAY OUR SINCERE RESPECT TO YOU  
FOR YOUR EFFORTS.

DURING THIS PERIOD, VARIOUS ACTIVITIES TOOK PLACE INCLUD-  
ING MEETINGS HELD BETWEEN OFFICIALS CONCERNED IN BOTH OF  
OUR GOVERNMENTS, SUBMISSION OF REFERENCE MATERIALS FROM  
YOUR COUNTRY, AN INSPECTION TOUR OF FLORIDA PRODUCTION  
AREAS BY OUR OFFICIALS, ETC.

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SUBSEQUENTLY, WE RECEIVED YOUR LETTER OF DECEMBER 26, 1974

IN REPLY TO OUR LETTER OF JULY 9, 1974 IN WHICH WE STATED  
IN PART QUOTE WE, THEREFORE, REQUEST INFORMATION FROM YOUR  
COUNTRY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE CONCERNING WHAT SORT OF APPRO-  
PRIATE PROCEDURES WILL BE TAKEN ON YOUR SIDE IN ORDET TO  
PREVENT FURTHER EXPORTATION OF FRUIT FLY INFESTED GRAPE-  
FRUIT FROM YOUR COUNTRY. UNQUOTE AS A RESULT OF CAREFUL  
STUDY OF THE CONTENT OF YOUR LETTER ALONG WITH THE REFERENCE  
MATERIALS RECEIVED TO DATE, WE AGREE TO THE LIFTING OF THE  
SUSPENSION ON EXPORTS OF FLORIDA GRPAEFRUIT AND OTHER HOST  
FRUIT TO JAPAN EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 10, 1975 PROVIDED THAT THE  
ITEMS DESCRIBED BELOW WILL BE CAREFULLY IMPLEMENTED.

NOTE

I. FRUITS OF SUBJECT:

GRAPEFRUIT, ORANGES, LEMONS, LIMES, MANGOS AND ALL OTHER HOST  
PLANTS OF CARIBBEAN FRUIT FLY GROWN IN FLORIDA.

II. PROCEDURES TO BE TAKEN FOR ISSUANCE OF PHYTOSANITARY  
CERTIFICATE:

A. EXPORT INSPECTION AND ITS CERTIFICATION:

ALL SUBJECT FRUITS WILL BE INSPECTED AT PACKING SHEDS BY  
A FEDERAL-STATE INSPECTOR, (HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS QUOTE  
INSPECTOR UNQUOTE) IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF  
AGRICULTURE REGULATIONS. A STATE OF FLORIDA QUOTE EXPORT  
CITRUS FRUIT INSPECTION CERTIFICATE UNQUOTE WILL BE ISSUED BY THE  
INSPECTOR FOR THE FRUIT WHICH PASSES SUCH INSPECTION. THIS  
CERTIFICATE WILL BE CARRIED BY THE VEHICLE OPERATOR TRANSPORTING  
THE SUBJECT FRUIT TO THE FUMIGATION SITE.

B. FUMIGATION AND ITS CERTIFICATION:

(1) FUMIGATION WILL BE PERFORMED IN TRAILERS OR VANS (HEREINAFTER  
REFERRED TO AS QUOTE TRAILER UNQUOTE) AT THE LOCATIONS DESIGNATED  
JOINTLY BY USDA AND THE STATE OF FLORIDA. SUCH FUMIGATION WILL BE  
PERFORMED BY THE INSPECTOR WITH ETHYLENE DIBROMIDE (EDB).

(2) ALL TRAILERS TO BE USED FOR FUMIGATION MUST PASS A GAS LEAKAGE  
TEST CONDUCTED BY USDA IN ADVANCE OF THEIR USE AND THEIR VENTILATION  
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OPENINGS MUST BE SCREENED FOR PREVENTION OF POSSIBLE REINFESTATION.  
THE LEAKAGE TEST SHALL BE CONDUCTED AT FIXED INTERVALS.

(3) EDB FUMIGATION SHALL BE PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE  
STANDARDS APPLIED IN THE TESTS CONDUCTED BY USDA, RESULTS OF  
WHICH HAVE ALREADY BEEN MADE KNOWN TO OUR PLANT QUARANTINE OFFICIALS.

(4) UPON FUMIGATION, A STATE OF FLORIDA QUOTE CERTIFICATE OF

TREATMENT UNQUOTE WILL BE ISSUED BY THE INSPECTOR FOR THE SUBJECT FRUIT. THIS CERTIFICATE WILL BE CARRIED BY THE VEHICLE OPERATOR TRANSPORTING THE SUBJECT FRUIT TO THE PORT OF EXPORT TOGETHER WITH THE ABOVE EXPORT INSPECTION CERTIFICATE.

(5) THE QUOTE CERTIFICATE OF TREATMENT UNQUOTE SHALL GIVE THE DETAILS OF THE TREATMENT AND ALSO SHOW THE TRAILER NUMBER PLUS THE NUMBER OF THE STATE SEALS USED TO CLOSE THE TRAILER.

(6) FOLLOWING FUMIGATION, IF HY BACK DOORS OF THE TRAILER ARE O TO BE OPENED FOR AERATION, THE DOOR OPENING SHALL BE SCREENED DURING THIS PERIOD FOR PREVENTION OF POSSIBLE REINFESTATION.

(7) IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN SUFFICIENT GAS CIRCULATION, CARTON BOXES USE D FOR PACKING THE SUBJECT FRUIT MUST HAVE AIR HOLES. THESE CARTON BOXES MUST BE STACKED INTO THE TRAILERS IN A WAY THAT WILL ALLOW FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF SUFFICIENT GAS CIRCULATION.

C. STORING AT THE PORT OF EXPORT:

IN CASE THE SUBJECT FRUIT IS TO BE STORED IN A WAREHOUSE UPON ARRIVAL AT THE PORT OF EXPORT, PROPER MEASURES SHALL BE TAKEN FOR PREVENTION OF REINFESTATION, SUCH AS AVOIDING STORAGE OF THE TREATED FRUIT WITH UNTREATED FRUIT IN THE SAME WAREHOUSE.

D. ISSUANCE OF FEDERAL PHYTOSANITARY CETIFICATE:

(1) UPON ARRIVAL AT THE PORT OF EXPORT, IT MUST BE CONFIRMED THAT THE SUBJECT FRUIT IS ACCOMPANIED BY BOTH AN QUOTE EXPORT CITRUS FRUIT INSPECTION CERTIFICATE UNQUOTE AND A QUOTE CERTIFICATE OF TREATMENT. UNQUOTE THE PHYTOSANITARY CERTIFICATE UNCLASSIFIED

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SHALL BE ISSUED UPON CONFIRMATIION OF THE TRAILER NUMBERS AND THE SEAL NUMBERS AGAINST THESE TWO CERTIFICATES.  
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(2) THE PHYTOSANITARY CERTIFICATE SHALL BEAR NOTIFICATION TO THE EFFECT THAT THE SUBJECT FRUIT WAS FUMIGATED AND MEETS ALL THE ABOVE REQUIREMENTS. IT SHOULD ALSO BE NOTED THAT THE SUBJECT FRUIT IS PRODUCED IN FLORIDA.

(3) THE PHYTOSANITARY CERTIFICATE SHALL ONLY BE ISSUED BY THE USDA PLANT QUARANTINE AUTHORITIES AT THE PORT OF EXPORT OF THE SUBJECT FRUIT.

### III. ON-THE-SPOT INSPECTION:

IN THE FUTURE, WHEN IT IS DEMED NECESSARY, JAPANESE PLANT PROTECTION AUTHORITIES MAY CONDUCT ON-THE-SPOT INSPECTION CONCERNING THE CONDITIONS ON EXPORT INSPECTIONS, FUMIGATION TREATMENT AND PORT FACILITIES.

### IV. ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN IN THE EVENT OF RECURRENCE OF THE FRUIT FLY PROBLEM.

IN CASE A LIVE LARVA OF CARIBBEAN FRUIT FLY IS DISCOVERED AGAIN AS A RESULT OF INSPECTION AT THE PORT OF ENTRY, USDA SHALL REIMPLEMENT THE SAME ACTION TAKEN SINCE SEPTEMBER 9, 1974 AT THE REQUEST OF THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT, UNTIL THE CAUSE OF SUCH INFESTATION IS CLARIFIED AND THE PROPER SAFEGUARD PROGRAMS ARE IMPLEMENTED.

### V. OTHERS:

A. IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE, ANY FURTHER DETAILED PROCEDURES WILL BE DECIDED, AS IT BECOMES NECESSARY, UPON CONSULTATION BETWEEN UNCLASSIFIED

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THE WORKING LEVELS OF OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS.

B. WHEN IT BECOMES NECESSARY TO AMEND ANY CONDITIONS DESCRIBED IN THIS LETTER, IT SHALL BE INFORMED IN ADVANCE AND SUCH AMENDMENT SHALL BE DECIDED UPON CONSULTATION. (END TRANSLATION)

3. MATSUMOTO SAID MAF PLANNING MAKEHNEWS RELEASE AT 11 A.M.  
FEB. 6 TOKYO TIME (9 P.M. FEB. 5 WASH. D.C. TIME) AND  
ASKED THAT ABOVE BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL UNTIL THEN.

4. MATSUMOTO ALSO RECOGNIZED THAT USDA MAY NOT HAVE APPROVED  
FUMIGATION SCHEDULES(S) FOR FRUITS OTHER THAN CITRUS AND MANGOS,  
BUT TRUSTS THAT OTHER HOST PLANTS IN FLORIDA SUCH AS GUAVA WILL  
NOT BE GIVEN PHYTOSANITARY CERTIFICATES BY APHIS OR EXPORTED TO  
JAPAN, UNTIL APPROPRIATE SCHEDULE(S) IS DEVELOPED AND ACCEPTED BY  
MAF.

5. MAF SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED THAT THEIR OFFICIAL REPLY (ABOVE)  
BE DISSEMINATED TO ALL APHIS INSPECTORS INVOLVED BY EFFECTIVE DATE  
OF FEB. 10. WE TOLD HIM THIS WOULD PROBABLY BE DONE AS  
MATTER OF COURSE BUT WE WOULD MENTION IT.

6. PLEASE ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT THIS CABLE.  
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